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MR. SPEAKER :—" When I called the question, the hon. Member Sri P. Venkatasubbiah was not in his seat and no other hon. Member stood up at that time. So I said that the answer would be printed in the proceedings and passed on to the next question."

House-rent allowance to the copyists in the Judicial Department.

* 723 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether copyists in the Judicial Department are treated as members of the superior services for all purposes of drawing emoluments as per G.O. No. 187, Home, dated 16th January 1950;

(*b*) whether they are denied the privilege of drawing the house-rent allowance; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative the reason for the same?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) Copyists are treated as members of the superior services for purposes of leave and pension, under the conditions laid down in G.O. Ms. No. 187, Home, dated 16th January 1950.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) It is because the grant of this to the copyists of the Judicial Department has to be considered along with the claims of various similar departments and the present financial position does not warrant the above grant."

Shoe-makers' Society, Cuddapah.

* 724 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA (on behalf of Sri P. Venkatasubbiah) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the reasons for refusing to register the Shoe-makers' Society at Cuddapah as a Co-operative Society?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Owing to difficulties inherent in the leather and tanning business, the leather workers' societies are not able to push through their products in the market. The proposals to register a Shoe-makers' Society at Cuddapah and in some other places were therefore ordered to be dropped."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Will the said Society be started as an experimental measure and will the Government see how it works? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" We have started some societies, Sir, and for the hon. Member's information I may tell him that we registered a society in Rajampet some two years ago. We gave a total amount of subsidy of Rs. 1,820. In spite of this help, the society could not function and it is on the verge of liquidation."

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Sri V. CHIDANANDAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans of Kurnool and Cuddapah are very poor and since the Hon. Minister also knows the conditions of those Harijans, may I suggest that the assistance may be prolonged by way of more subsidies? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I know the conditions, Sir, but unfortunately I cannot convince myself with regard to the successful functioning of the Societies."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation was referring in his reply to some inherent difficulties in the leather and tanning business. May I know, Sir, what are those inherent difficulties? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" There are so many inherent difficulties. If only the hon. Member could give me time, I would supply him with a detailed list. But, in the meanwhile, I may inform the hon. Member that the Director of Harijan Welfare has been deputed to study these difficulties and make a report. We are awaiting the report."

Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Harijan Welfare Committee in 1948 recommended the giving of priority to Leather Co-operative Societies, will the Government consider the question of granting subsidies to such Societies wherever they are formed by the Harijans? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" We are aware of the report and we have given suitable and adequate subsidies. If the hon. Member is not able to convince himself with regard to the adequacy of these subsidies, I cannot help."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" In view of the fact that the trade is likely to flourish better in Rayalaseema because of the fact that a new life has been infused into it, will not the Hon. Minister now sanction the starting of Societies? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I may inform the hon. Member that Rajampet is in Rayalaseema area and there we cannot function successfully. But if the hon. Member refers to the future, I will certainly look into it."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the inherent difficulties of finding a market as explained by the Hon. Minister, why should not the Society open a Sales Emporium in Madras City entirely staffed by the ladies? "

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The matter is under consideration, Sir."

Jaggery Co-operative Societies in Anantapur district.

* 725 *Q.*—Sri T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state the number of jaggery co-operative societies formed in Anantapur district for the benefit of ex-toddy tappers and the number working in those societies?